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Prices and Prospects.

\$2.50 COKE PRICE CUT SOMEWHAT BY NEEDY OPERATORS

And Offerings of Coke of
Doubtful Quality In and
Out Region.

MERCHANT DOG AND ITS TAIL

Something Over Two-Thirds of Ovens
Holding Out for \$2.50 Coke While
Balance Offering Prompt Coke at
Cut Prices Down to \$2.15 ton

Special to The Weekly Courier
PITTSBURG Oct 8.—The limited demand that developed for furnace coke for October was easily satisfied without much difficulty in the offering of cut price coke. While one or two special instances of \$2.00 had paid it is clear that such transactions were altogether exceptional and the great bulk of the movement, such as it was, went through at prices ranging from \$2.05 to \$2.25. There is much question about the quality of the \$2.05 coke which is well established that substantially standard grade coke is available for all inquiries at from \$2.15 to \$2.25.

There is a very considerable tonnage of coke loaded on cars and awaiting shipping instructions with pressure by the railroads for instruction and those who specifically inquire in the circumstances produce some, possibly to be outlasted in the closing days of the week. While it is possible that some coke could be picked up for less than regular market for prompt is quoted at from \$2.15 to \$2.25.

There is no inquiry for contract coke, making the market practically nominal. There would be coke available at \$2.25 and a very considerable tonnage would have to be absorbed before the \$2.50 sellers would have a chance. October being out of the way with the limited demand, it is not so probable that the November and December demand will prove large and the next activity of any moment will be in coke for 1914 delivery. A large number of contracts expire December 31 and there will probably be many changes in customers and sets of supply as the prospect of \$2.50 coke in the near future.

The temporary failure of the \$2.50 price to prevail is due to limited demand rather than to heavy offerings of cut-price coke. Of the 15,000 merchants ovens fully one-third sell their products through the Producers Coke Company, which is one price \$2.50. Another third are on cut price, and/or also quoting this price while among the remaining third are found the operators who have been naming the cut prices. Guesses in the trade are that of the first third between 50 and 60% of the capacity is under contract of the second 20% and of the remaining third 20% and 70% and of the remaining third somewhat added to the position of this group. The estimates refer to the balance of this year. For next year there is relatively little coke under contract.

Coincident with the decline in the furnace coke market there has been a weekly in foundry coke though only a slight one, the minimum price of standard foundry coke being about \$2.75 this week, against \$2.90 in recent weeks, while there are some important grades still hold at \$3.00.

The market is now quite as shown below the lower figure mentioned on contract furnace coke which can be done on a considerable tonnage for the balance of this year or for next year with a good customer the higher figure being the nominal but minimum asking price of something like two-thirds of the total merchant production.

Prompt furnace ... \$2.15-\$2.25
Contract furnace ... \$2.25-\$2.75
Prompt foundry ... \$2.90-\$3.00
Contract foundry ... \$3.00

The local pig iron market continues absolutely stagnant. Furnaces are not trying to press sales as they had buyers entirely apathetic. Quotations are no lower and while it is not known what would be done in case really tempting offers were offered there is no reason for fearing that lower prices would be named. The pig iron situation is being watched with considerable interest as it often furnishes a line on the northern market. There were large sales of south iron on the advance of the past few months and even at \$1.75 lumbered iron was not far from turning over. Thereupon the furnaces advanced to \$1.50 but at these prices they have sold very little. The local market remains notable as follows: Bessemer \$15.75 base and No. 2 foundry \$14.75 f.o.b. Valley furnaces \$14.25 f.o.b. Valley furnaces 90 cents higher delivered. Prices have

W. F. Snyder & Company announce their usual pig iron average compiled from the actual sales of Valley iron during the month in lots of 1,000 tons and over. The Bessemer average for September is \$15.75 Valley, or 95 cents increase over August, about 1,100 tons being used. The base of Bessemer is \$14.75 Valley, or 25 cents increase over August, with 4,000 tons figured. These are the first advances in the averages this year, but the September tonnages were the smallest, by a large margin, for several months.

EFFECT BIG SHIPMENTS

Paun's Windsor Branch to Tip
Rock Field

Heavy coal shipments from the coal field at Somerset county are promised as a result of the completion of the Cambria extension of the Windsor branch of the Pennsylvania & Lake Erie Railroad. The Cambria & Coke Company, the Burgettstown Coal & Coke Company, and the Lohrville Coal Company will each be ready to ship their product as soon as the road is completed.

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RESULTS OF TARIFF REVIEW.

The Democratic revision of the
Tariff is about complete and it must
be said for it that it is a fair sample
of the Democratic Tariff idea. It is
about as near to no Tariff at all as
the framers could well get without
entailing absolute Free Trade.The high cost of living is a serious
problem of every mill and factory that
produces. Optimistic confidence wearing
rose-hued goggles has held conditions
highly up, but there will undoubtedly be
some dull thuds when bitter ex-
perience replaces blind confidence.The Courier dislikes very much to be
placed in opposition to the party of
evil, but it has endeavored to look
upon the cheerful side of the situation,
but in doing so it feels that at
best there will be some depression
following the operation of the new
Tariff bill, but it seems to be the
consensus of the public that the
opposite is true.The dramatic cut in
steel and glass must result in imports
which will not have a tendency to
promote our industrial activities
or enhance our common prosperity.The new Tariff will come within the
next few months. Even now there is some
hesitation, notably by the Ameri-
can Metal Market, whether Tariff
views are quite modest to say the
least and whose judgment of the
future has been invariably optimistic
and continues so.A very serious change seems to
have come over us during the
past two weeks, and it has been more
in evidence in the iron, steel and
metal trade than in any other industry.There have been some
quotable exceptions, the dry goods
trade for instance, in which move-
ments have been directed to greater
activity. Also while the selection
of buyers to place contracts for
future deliveries, must be bringing
many manufacturers to close quarters
on unfilled orders, there has been no
change so far in the full operations of
our business.There is no doubt but there is a
decided change of sentiment and
buying in the steel and metal trade,
and extreme conservatism has re-
placed the optimistic and confident
feeling of July. Everyone in the
trade talks about the change and make
the reason, but no one seems to
give any explanation except that it is the Tariff. If that is the cause
why was sentiment and business not
affected before? For months we
have known that the new Tariff
would be in operation about this time,
and after all, it was not called for."As our readers know we for
months taken a very positive and
optimistic view of the future of busi-
ness this autumn and winter, and the
revival that began in July and ex-
tended up to two or three weeks ago
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turn change has caused us to re-
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more to reunite the Republican party
and write the doom of accidental
Democratic power than any other
single circumstance which may occur
between now and 1916.

REPUBLICAN DUTY.

The Republican County Committee of
Payette will meet on Saturday next
to elect a Chairman and get down to
the serious business of politics. There
will be good attendance at this
meeting, and the result will be a
worthy and able Republican.

The who unites loyalty and efficiency.

The Republican captain should be faithful
and capable.While the coming November election
is politically unimportant, the
struggle in 1914 will be the prelimi-
nary to the battle royal of
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FARMER KILLS GIRL IN STRUGGLE WHICH FOLLOWS QUARREL

George W. Jackson is Jailed for Murder of Hannah Jackson.

SAY HE REFUSED TO MARRY HER

According to Story of Youth Who Saw the Shooting, Girl Attacked the Man With a Stone; He Used Her Weapon, Single Shot Proving Fatal.

UNIONTOWN, Oct. 8.—George W. Struble, the farmer living near McLellandtown now in jail charged with the murder of Hannah Jackson, 21 years old, in front of his home yesterday, has retained counsel to combat the accusation against him. He declined to talk with the reporter, who place in "Dark Hollows" on the road between Masontown and McLellandtown, last evening.

The only witness to the shooting were Byron Hostetter, 18 years old, and an infant. According to Hostetter, Struble and Jackson had quarreled. They were returning from Masontown, where Struble had driven the girl and baby, the latter being ill. In front of Struble's home, the farmer declared he would leave the girl, and then Hostetter could drive her home, returning with the rig later. Prior to this it is said he had refused the girl's suggestion of marriage.

Angered by his action, it is said the Jackson girl jumped out of the buck. Still holding the baby in one arm, she picked up a stone and hurled it at the farmer. Knowing she carried a revolver, he is said to have snatched it from the blouse. The girl carried, in the struggle, a shot was fired. It struck the girl above the eye, inflicting a fatal wound.

Struble then went into his home with the baby and called a doctor. Doctor and Cloud responded. The girl died two hours later. Struble surrendered to Justice of the Peace S. F. Guy and was brought to the Uniontown jail.

Mrs. Jackson was the daughter of Mr. Alpheus Jackson. She has a number of relatives who are well known in the county. Struble is about 64 years old and a widower. He is a half-brother of N. L. Dukes, who was shot by young Jim Nutt in the famous Nutt-Dukes tragedy of 30 years ago.

OLD SUIT IS TRIED

George Roth Seeks a Settlement From Coke Company.

UNIONTOWN, Oct. 5.—The suit of George Roth against the East Connellsville Coke Company was taken up in the city court before Judge Umber. Roth, alias the "pig man," was ignored by other stockholders, after he had it alleged, been instrumental in obtaining the coal for the company. He seek to recover the value of 150 shares at \$100 each, and any profits that may have accrued since the company was organized in 1906.

Both stated that he had instrumental in obtaining 123 acres of coal in German and Georges townships, but that he has been ignored by J. K. Atkins, A. S. and C. W. Drexell and J. E. Boyer, other members of the company. The case was tried before, carried to the supreme court, and returned to the county courts for another trial.

Before Judge Van Swearingen, the case of J. W. Alan of Luzerne town, ship against the Greentree Gas Company was started. Alan claims \$250 in damages.

ALLEGES FALSE ARREST

Foreigner Seeks \$2,000 Damages; Says He Paid \$10.

UNIONTOWN, Oct. 8.—Steve Koval, foreigner, was held in jail for 24 hours charging false arrest. The suit claims that on or about September 30, the defendant had him arrested for lifting mail of which he was not guilty, and held him in the lockup at Connellsville for more than 24 hours on October 1, by intimidation, threats, force and threat of arms. The plaintiff was paid \$100 at the office of Justice of the Peace Buttermore, Connellsville, the sum of \$107 to regain his liberty.

He paid this amount because he was told by the defendant and officers in jail that unless he did so he would be further detained for 15 years. For this false arrest, the payment of this money and other grievances he demands \$2,000 damages.

MAN KILLED BY TRAIN.

Whistler Foreigner Run Down by Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Tracks.

PERRYOPOLIS, Oct. 8.—Coroner Harry J. Bell of Duncansburg arrived in town at noon on Tuesday with the body of the man brought to Blawie's morgue on Monday. The man was found along the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad tracks at Whistler by Blawie, a boy going to work. Doctor Bell examined a joint and after hearing the evidence, it was rendered that the man had been struck by a train. The man's name was Joseph Malick, aged 20 years and single. The funeral will be held Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock from St. John's Roman Catholic Church with interment at St. John's cemetery at Perryopolis.

Veteran Dies in Kansas.
Captain Henry Colling, the last surviving captain of Company K, Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry, died Saturday at his home in Kansas. Captain Colling was a brother of L. L. Collins of Vandalia, and had a number of friends there.

& O. Promotions.
Baltimore & Ohio Agent Elmer S. Dawson has accepted a position as revenue collector. He will be succeeded as Dawson by Martin Sherryandy. Mr. Kimer will continue his residence at Dawson.

REV. WOLF RETURNS HERE AS PASTOR OF M. E. CHURCH

Assignments are Made at the Homestead Conference; Rochester Next Year.

Rev. R. C. Wolf returns to Connellsville as pastor of the First Methodist assignments having been made Monday at the Homestead conference, Wright, in the Homestead conference. The conference will meet next year at Rochester, with pastor of the Homestead who will be selected the year following.

The complete list of assignments in the McKeesport district is as follows: Addison, H. C. Thomas; Adelade, H. C. Johnson; Allison, W. D. Davies; Belterman, J. B. Ferguson; Bickford, L. A. Allen; Blackburn, R. S. Barrie; Braddock, First Church, J. V. Wright; Fourth Street, L. L. Lord; Brownsville, O. B. Patterson; Cleville, C. W. Hooper; Coke Mills, W. Davis and J. Donati; Connellsville, R. Wolf.

Dawson, J. A. Baum; Dravo, W. M. Brucken; Dunbar, H. L. Humber; East McKeesport, J. M. Mason; Elizabeth, S. M. Mackay.

Fayette City, T. F. Chilcott; Gibson, G. Daugherty; Louisville, H. M. Mackay.

McKeesport, Hartington, H. D. Randolph, Bethel Park, O. G. Cook; Chrystie, G. J. Rose; Courant Street, G. A. Allison; First Church, A. M. Shear, one to be supplied; West Side, J. J. Spangler; Madison, J. E. Inskip; Monaca, J. A. And, Meyersdale, G. A. Neid; Monaca, H. H. Davies; Mount Lebanon, G. Grant; Mount Pleasant, C. P. Saluday; Ohiopyle, G. W. Ringer.

Perryopolis, J. A. Younkins; Pleasant Unity, S. W. Bryan; Point Marion, G. C. Kuykendall.

Redstone, J. T. Eastburn; Salisbury, Harry L. Thomas; Scotland, H. S. Piper; Smithfield, J. F. Dipner; Somerset, C. F. Bullinger; South Brownsville, W. R. Moore; South Greensburg, S. W. McCorle; Statimtown, C. D. Flinter; Star Junction, M. M. Dunkle; Swissvale, W. E. Barcus.

Untownton, First Church, C. W. Shryne, Mount Vernon and Fairchance, G. B. Letchworth; Ursina, A. Sellers.

Vanderbilt, Ralph Bell.

West, H. L. Lancaster; West Newton, L. E. Jones.

Youngstown, J. H. Enlow.

Rev. M. A. Rigg, formerly here and at Uniontown, was assigned to Derry, Rev. A. J. Ashe, also a former pastor, remains at Canonsburg; Rev. R. E. Mansell, remembered by the older members of the local congregation, was assigned to Kittanning, Rev. T. F. Pershing is among the superannuates. Rev. M. J. Sloppy was assigned pastor at Vandergrift.

ASSAULT, NOW IN JAIL, WANTED FOR OTHER ATTACK

Police Say Christ Has a Penchant for Attacking Women; Jumped Ball in Virginia.

That Hardy M. Christ, who is now in jail awaiting trial for an attempted kidnapping of Mrs. Mattie Hise of South Connellsville, on September 17, is the man of the many criminals, with a deep list of women, is borne out by information received from the police of Shenandoah, Va., who have been searching for him since the latter part of July.

Both stated that he had instrumental in obtaining 123 acres of coal in German and Georges townships, but that he has been ignored by J. K. Atkins, A. S. and C. W. Drexell and J. E. Boyer, other members of the company. The case was tried before, carried to the supreme court, and returned to the county courts for another trial.

Before Judge Van Swearingen, the case of J. W. Alan of Luzerne town, ship against the Greentree Gas Company was started. Alan claims \$250 in damages.

LEWELLYN GETS HIS PLACE

Appointments as Internal Revenue Collector Confirmed by Senate.

C. G. Lewellyn of Brownsville, was Saturday confirmed for collector of internal revenue at Pittsburg by Sen. E. B. Heflin. Mr. Lewellyn's commission will be held in his office by Tuesday. The commission of H. W. Wilson of Beaver to be United States marshal for the western district of Pennsylvania was sent out Saturday evening in order that he could assume his office at the November election.

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GOES IN EFFECT AT MIDNIGHT

Wilson Declares That Next Step is to Pass a Currency Measure That Will 'Set Country's Business Free From Monopoly'; Expresses His Elation

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—Surrounded by the leaders of a united Democracy, President Wilson signed the Underwood-Simmons tariff bill at 9:05 o'clock last night. Numerous telegrams were sent to customs collectors throughout the country by the Treasury Department putting into actual operation at midnight the first Democratic tariff since 1894.

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There will be a banquet on the evening of the dedication at the Summit Hotel attended by the distinguished guests. The British guests will be met in Philadelphia by Governor Tamm and Senator W. E. Crow and escorted to Uniontown. They will be entertained by the association.

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Department Begins Campaign for More Legible Addressing.

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A sample address follows: Mr. Frank E. Jones, 3416 Frost Street, Oswego, Ohio. As a further precaution, the Post Office Department is placing his own name and address on the upper left hand corner of the card or envelope. Ink is advised instead of pencil because it retains its legibility longer.

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SEPTEMBER LIBRARY REPORT

Circulation Shows Big Gain Over Same Month a Year Ago.

The report of the Carnegie Free Library, submitted by Miss Elizabeth Clark, librarian, shows an increase of 1,712 over the month of September, 1912. Included in report was the circulation of the West Side station, 508. During the month 60 new books were added.

It is expected that from 75 to 100 million dollars worth of merchandise is held in bonded warehouse, awaiting release when the new rates are computed on it but this will be held until copies of the act have been forwarded to all customs collectors.

LOOKING FOR ROBBERS

Mount Pleasant Constables are On With a Reward.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Oct. 4.—The grocery store of James Fitzpatrick on Main street was entered by thieves on Thursday night and quantities of tobacco, candy and canned goods were taken.

Constables John G. Thompson and James E. Elton have offered a reward for the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for this and other petty thefts during the last month.

Brownsville Men Die.
John W. Benton, 58 years old, and Oliver Wilson, 54 years old, are dead at Brownsville.

Mount Pleasant to Celebrate.
Mount Pleasant, Oct. 4.—The fire department met Thursday night and arranged to hold a big Halloween celebration on October 30. Prizes amounting to \$300 will be given and all neighboring fire departments are to be invited to join in the festivities. Committees are at work making the preparations.

Distillery in Operation.

The distillery of A. Overholts & Co. at Broad Ford resumed on Monday after being closed for two months.

DECLARES CROOKS INFEST THE TOWN; SAYS COPS ARE NEEDED

Officer Calls Attention to Presence of Questionable Character and Points Remedy.

The statement of an officer of the law that there were 100 rogues roaming the streets of Connellsville, 2 men who would come under the head of "crooks" is not calculated to reassure the citizens, especially as the fact seems to be borne out by the recent wave of robberies and holdups.

It was necessary for the police protection to be discussed by individual citizens before the meeting on Friday night but no official action was taken at the meeting, the police committee being entirely without recommendations. The way the police schedule works out there are only two men on the town at night, the midnight and Chief Ritter says it is an impossibility for them to provide any real protection.

There are only eight men on the force and two are on duty in the daytime, thus including the chief, the only leaves the office at 5 P.M.

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WEDDING AT DAWSON

Miss Louraine McGill the Bride of James B. Bust.

Miss Louraine McGill, daughter of James B. Bust of Scottsdale, was married last Friday at 6 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hutchinson, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Scottsdale, officiated.

The bride was a clerk in the Dawson post office until recently and is one of the most widely known and popular young ladies in Dawson. The bride's parents are the Rev. and Mrs. E. Hutchinson, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Scottsdale.

The bride and groom are to leave for Atlantic City for a two weeks' wedding trip. They will reside in Scottsdale. Among the out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Hurst, Mr. and Mrs. E. Stover, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hubs, William Hurst of Scottsdale, Mrs. W. H. Newmyer of Bellefonte, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bellmer of Wilkinsburg.

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